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1. Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister SHIGEMITSU Mamoru is in a weak position in the Democratic Party because of a lack of funds. After the elections SHIGEMITSU may be replaced by SUGIHARA Arata, remaining as a figurehead Deputy Prime Minister.

1. Washington Comment, CS-55223, from a different source, stated that SHIGEMITSU will probably retain a sinecure as Deputy Prime Minister and that the next Foreign Minister will be SUGIHARA Arata, a career diplomat. See CS-54578 and CS-54342 for additional information on SUGIHARA.

2. Field Comment. MATSUMOTO, former ambassador to Great Britain, is 57 years of age.

Washington Comment. According to GS-55223, SUGIHARA will be the next Foreign Minister but will be succeeded within a year by MATSUMOTO provided MATSUMOTO wins a Diet seat.

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